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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Jammu and Kashmir and Bangalore Airports as `UltraHyper sensitive airports`;

(b) if so, whether any circular has since been issued by the Government recently to the respective airport authorities in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the airport authorities for the safety of these airports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a),(b),(c) & (d): Threat perception for our airports is assessed periodically, and airports are categorized from time-to-time on this basis. Security measures are adopted at the airports accordingly, keeping the International Civil Aviation Organisation`s guidelines in view. Security measures taken include:-

(i) Perimeter wall/fencing

(ii) 100% screening of hand baggage by X-Ray machines or by manual check

(iii) Secondary ladder point check of passengers and their hand baggage

(iv) Deployment of sky marshals on selected routes at random basis

(v) Deployment of Quick Reaction Teams.

In addition further strengthening of security arrangements is undertaken, wherever required, on the basis of changing threat perceptions, including for the airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore and in J&K.